



ROTARY SPOKES

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JULIUS GIUS MEMORIAL ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS



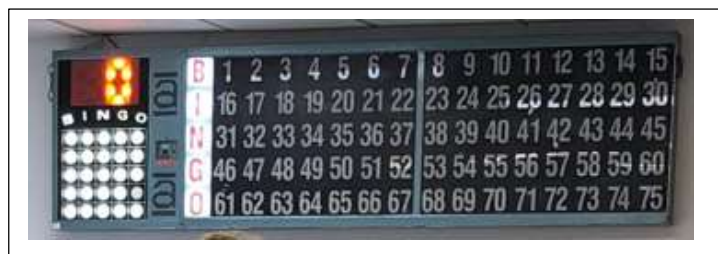
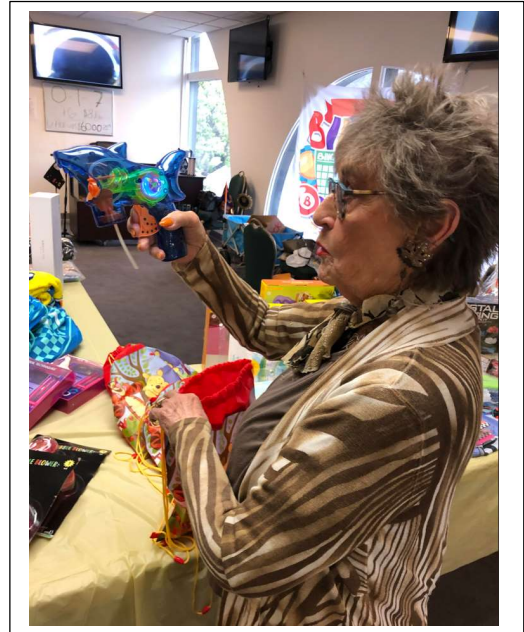
At our meeting June 7, 2023, the Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation awarded a total of \$66,000 in grants to 20 local nonprofit organizations: Ventura Medical Resource Foundation, StemBassadors, Ventura Family YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Epic Leadership Center, Ventura Music Festival, High Tide Robotics, Turning Point Foundation, Boys & Girls Club, Rubicon Theatre, Brain Surgery Center, Ventura Land Trust, Salvation Army—Ventura Corps, Foothill Little League, Love VC, Inc., New Art City Theater, Ronald McDonald House, New West Symphony, Life Center of Ventura County, Ventura College Foundation—Joe Taylor Scholarship, and Ventura College Foundation—Everett Millais Annual \$1000 College Scholarship to one deserving student. *(continued next page)*



JULIUS GIUS MEMORIAL ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS *(continued)*

The Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation (JGMRF) is the non-profit (501c3) arm of the Rotary Club of Ventura. Its purpose is to support the work of non-profit organizations that serve the City of Ventura, focusing on the areas west of Victoria Boulevard. JGMRF, guided by the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," seeks to increase the ability of non-profits in our designated area to serve the educational, recreational, artistic and health and human service needs of our fellow Venturans.

BINGO !



In lieu of a meeting on May 31, 2023, we held a Bingo social at a professional bingo parlor, upstairs from the colonoscopy clinic. This is the first time I've been in the building when I wasn't administered a roofie! Pizza and Indian food were served. Winning participants received prizes provided by the Salvation Army. We also celebrated the birthday of Dr. Mel Cheatham with his wife Sylvia, both former club members.

MEETING JUNE 7, 2023



Attendance: I counted 65 members and guests, including visiting Rotarians from Bakersfield East and the Netherlands, and over 20 guests representing JGMRF recipients. Full house!

Lunch: Food Affairs by Stacey served tri-tip, roasted potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, fresh fruit, and cupcakes for dessert.

Introductions: Bev Ward. “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” (Maya Angelou)

Song: Jessica, Bev, RoseAnn and Clyde led us in singing “America (My County ‘Tis of Thee)”

Announcements:

Margi Wray: (1) Memorial service for Larry Dawes will be Friday, June 23, 11:00 a.m., Church of the Foothills, with lunch following.

(2) Thank you to those who helped with the **Bingo Social** May 31.

Mahdu Bajaj: Need volunteers for the Pacific High School **Senior Breakfast**, June 15, 8-10 a.m.

Brenda Allison-Hutchinson: Please go to SignUpGenius to **volunteer** for the **July 4 Fireworks event**. It’s only 3½ weeks away!

Kristin Taylor: Coats for Kids: Need volunteers to contact local schools and pick up coats left in the lost and found when school lets out June 15.

Jessica Brandon: At last it is revealed...the **Step Down Dinner** for Margi Wray will be at the **Museum of Ventura County**, 100 E. Main St., Ventura, on Tuesday, June 20, 5:30-9:00 p.m. Rotarians are already paid, guests are \$80. RSVP to Lynda Girtsman by June 16.

Debby Millais was presented with her **Paul Harris Plus 5 Pin** by **Hutch Hutchinson**. Debby first joined Rotary in Virginia in 2017 and joined our club in 2018. She is a Benefactor and a Paul Harris Society member.

Program: Presentation of **Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation** grants.



UPCOMING EVENTS

(For up-to-date and more complete information, check the ClubRunner app on your phone, or on our website)



June 14 lunch meeting: Janny [yani] Franken: Leading with a Coaching Mindset: Improving people's lives by guiding them into their preferred future through listening and asking empowering questions.

Janny was born and raised in The Netherlands and worked in settings where she could use her observational and critical analysis strengths, advising parents and professionals on how to improve their ability to work with and raise children and youth with special needs.

She has used her gifts in different settings while living in the U.S.A. In 2007, Janny was hired to improve a set of three Dutch Schools in Southern California. In 2012, she started working in a church to grow and improve their Children & Youth Ministries. Janny's latest job accomplishment was to guide a congregation through the transition of becoming an official Reconciling in Christ - openly welcoming LGBTQ+ church. During COVID she trained for and became an executive coach.

Janny is passionate about bringing improvement to organizations and guiding leaders through change, towards a desired future. Her best work is done through one-on-one coaching relationships. Janny has a Dutch Masters' degree in Educational Sciences and a Bachelor's in Pedagogy. She is proud to have her own coaching business, and is an ICF-Associate Certified Coach. Contact: franknsense50@gmail.com Website: <http://franknsense.co/>

June 14: Fireworks Committee, 1:30 p.m., Poinsettia Pavilion.

June 15: Pacific High School Graduation Breakfast, 8:00-10:00 a.m., 501 College Drive, Ventura. Volunteers needed!

June 20: Step Down Dinner, 5:30-9:00 p.m., Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., Ventura.

June 21: NO MEETING

June 22: NO BOARD MEETING

June 28: NO MEETING

July 4: Fireworks Show and Family Picnic, Ventura College. Volunteers needed!

July 5: NO MEETING

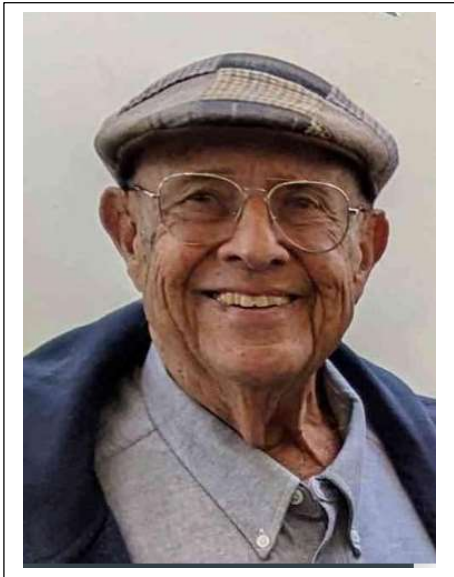
July 12 lunch meeting: President Neal Lassila's kick-off meeting with inspirational words from Ventura local **John Silva**.

July 19 lunch meeting: Club Assembly. Neal will discuss goals for the 2023/2024 year, followed by club leaders who will introduce themselves and discuss their roles and goals.

Sept. 23: End of Summer Beachside Bash, national ribeye steak cookoff, brew fest, car show, and more. San Buenaventura State Beach, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LARRY PAUL DAWES

September 23, 1941—May 14, 2023



Larry Dawes was born on in a ranch house on a property that is now the Ventura County Government Center, where his father was the Ranch Foreman. He attended Montalvo Elementary School, was in the first class at Anacapa Junior High, and graduated from Ventura High Class of '59. After college he joined the Air Force during the Vietnam era and served as an Auto Pilot Technician at March Air Force Base and in Guam.

Larry married Carol (Moon) Dawes in 1966. They settled in Ventura where he became an electrician and she taught at Ventura College. They had two children, Lorelle and William (Bill) and he taught them everything from woodworking to camping, plumbing, bicycle repair, etc. He was quite proud of them. Larry was a pilot and taught private lessons. He finished his career maintaining facilities for the County of Ventura.

He could tell stories with the best of them, from history in Ventura as he lived it to random trivia about whatever topic was at hand.

In retirement he was active in the Rotary Club of Ventura and the Retired Men's Club. His love of family and others was apparent to all who knew him in the many ways that he gave back to the community. He passed away after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Carol Dawes, daughter Lorelle Dawes, son Bill Dawes, their spouses Amy Crittenden and Jennifer Dawes and his beloved grandchildren Sophie Dawes and Lydia Dawes.

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